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CYPRUS TALKS TO RESUME

ANNCR: NEWS ANALYST FRED GALVAN SEES THE CYPRUS SITUATION POSSIBLY TAKING A MORE HOPEFUL TURN THIS WEEK.

VOICE: INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS RESUME IN VIENNA TOMORROW (TUESDAY.) THAT RESUMPTION REPRESENTS THE SUCCESS OF INTENSIVE EFFORTS BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO GET THE CYPRUS QUESTION OFF DEAD CENTER, WHERE IT HAS RESTED FOR MANY MONTHS. THE VIENNA TALKS WILL BE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHOSE SECRETARY-GENERAL (KURT) WALDHEIM HAS BEEN WORKING HARD ON THE PROBLEM ALL ALONG. SO HAVE THE NATO ALLIES OF GREECE AND TURKEY, INCLUDING THE FORD ADMINISTRATION AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

OF COURSE, CENTRAL TO THE IMPROVED CLIMATE FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS ARE THE ATTITUDES OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS THEMSELVES. SEVERAL POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE PAST SIXTY DAYS ARE A GOOD GAUGE OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDES BOTH ATHENS AND ANKARA ARE NOW TAKING TOWARD THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

JUST THIS PAST WEEK, TURKEY REDUCED BY AN ADDITIONAL TWO THOUSAND, THE NUMBER OF TROOPS IT HAS HAD ON THE MEDITERRANEAN ISLAND SINCE MID-1974. THE TOTAL OF TURKISH TROOPS ON CYPRUS IS NOW LESS THAN THIRTY THOUSAND.

IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY, GREEK AND TURKISH OFFICIALS MET AT SEVERAL LEVELS TO DISCUSS OTHER BI-LATERAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE ISSUES OF AIR SPACE AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AEGEAN REGION.

HERE IN WASHINGTON AND AT NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN BRUSSELLS, SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS MET WITH TOP GREEK AND TURKISH OFFICIALS. AT THOSE MEETINGS HE HAS IMPRESSED ON THEM THE URGENCY WASHINGTON ATTACHES TO A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. AND THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS RECEIVED MAJOR HELP FROM CONGRESS. IN MID-JANUARY, MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS VISITED ATHENS AND ANKARA TO DISCUSS THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AT FIRST-HAND WITH GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERS.

THUS, THERE HAVE BEEN INTENSIVE EFFORTS BY ALL PARTIES, AND THERE IS REASON TO VIEW THE START OF NEW INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS ON CYPRUS WITH CONSIDERABLE HOPE. NOT THE LEAST HOPEFUL ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM IS THE FACT THAT IN THIS COUNTRY, BOTH CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION, SO OFTEN IN RECENT WEEKS IN CONFLICT ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, ON THIS ISSUE ARE UNITED.

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